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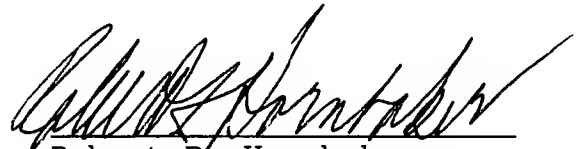
- (1) Penn Fabrication 1998 Collection, pages 27-28, published in the U.S., showing recessed handles and sprung surface handles;
- (2) Koll U.S. Patent No. 2,715,243, for Handle Assembly, patented August 16, 1955;

- (3) Willems U.S. Patent No. 5,797,635, for Latch,  
patented August 25, 1998; and
- (4) Werner U.S. Patent No. 4,560,190, for Fastening  
Assembly, patented December 24, 1985.

A legible copy of that portion of the Penn publication which caused it to be listed, and each U.S. patent, are attached, as required by § 1.98(a)(2).

The relevance of the above publication and patents is the Penn Fabrication 1998 Collection, and the Koll Patent, show conventional sprung surface handles, without raised handle-protecting parts. The Willems Patent shows, and describes, raised handle-protecting parts 127, 128, 130, at col. 3, lines 19-28. The Werner Patent shows, and describes, raised handle-protecting parts 26, at col. 1, lines 54-62, and col. 2, lines 31-34 and 42-48.

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